

10: Sura Al-Nas (114)

1. Say: I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind, 2. The King of mankind, 3. The God of Mankind, 4. From the mischief of the whisperer who withdraws, 5. Who whispers into the hearts of mankind, 6. Among jinns and among mankind.

Main Theme

- The main theme of this passage is Allah's relationship with the created world.
- Allah refers to His Sovereignty and establishes Himself as the Master (Rabb), the King (Malik) and true God (Ilah), the Protector and the Sustainer of Mankind which shows His special relation with mankind.
- God instructs to seek divine protection and refuge of Allah against all evils and harms as He is the protector of Man from all invisible beings (jinn) and humankind.
- Allah asks man to seek His shelter against all evils that are crafted by Satan and his host of assistants who may be humans or Jinns. They inject evil in man's heart and the Quran warns us about this: **"for Satan is an avowed enemy to man"** (12:5).
- Allah is the Sovereign who owns, governs and supervise all the affairs of Man which shows His special care and love for Mankind.
- It is Allah's special favour and Mercy on Man that Allah protects them against the sneaking evils, which locate themselves in human hearts and whisper repeatedly. As humans cannot get rid of these evils themselves so Allah instructed them to take His help and refuge against them. Allah says in the Quran: **"Say: Lord! I seek refuge with you from the prompting of Satan."** [23: 97]
- It reflects Allah special relation with Humans that Allah did not leave them helpless on Earth against Iblis (Satan) for a test but He helped and guided them which reflects His special care for Humans.
- Only Allah can help in times of need so they seek help only from Him. It reveals Allah ultimate authority and control over His creations.
- He created everything so controls everything, even mischief makers. It's a warning about those who whisper evil/bad ideas to humans, and then disappear and leave them on their own but God is the Protector from jinn and humankind.
- It demands a Muslims to trust in Allah as Quran instructs: **"and on God let the believers put their trust"** (99:51)

Importance of the Main Theme

- This passage together with sura 113, teaches Muslims to seek God's refuge against all evils as Satan is always there to misguide them.

- Muslims should, however strengthen their relation with God toward of all evil forces.
- The best way to do this is remember God as enunciated in the Quran:” and establish regular prayer in order to remember me” (20:14, Taha).
- Recitation of the Quran also shuns evil by bringing the reader closer to God: “when you recite the Quran, seek God’s protection against the evil ones” (16:98, al-Nahl).
- Through these verses Muslims get to know the kind of evils/mischief they have to be wary of, for example, invisible beings (jinn), humans or internal whisperings such as jealousy.
- They should be aware of what’s happening to them so they can recognise the signs of mischief and temptations. It strengthens reliance on God.
- It creates trust in God’s control, authority, and protection as well as awe for God’s immense powers. Praying and doing good deeds strengthens reliance on God.
- Reciting this sura, along with the others (quls) is a source of protection. Muslims should also be ready to identify evil forces led by Satan and his assistants who accomplish their ugly task in various ways the holy prophet used to recite sura 113 and 114 to guard against evil, after his Makkan enemies had tried to cast magic spell on him but Allah protected him.



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